

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

Electronic Meeting via Zoom, the meeting was recorded.  
November 2, 2021

A special meeting of Council was held Tuesday November 2, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of declaring a vacant seat on Council and appointing a person to fill the vacancy.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting by e-mail on October 27, 2021. The public was notified of this meeting by posting of this special meeting agenda October 27, 2021  
This was an electronic meeting via Zoom.

Mayor Sterling participated from the municipal office via Zoom.  
Council members attending electronically: Delynne Patterson, Celia Finley and Penny Brandt.

Staff in attendance at the municipal office: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public in attendance in person: Joe Vella, Lorraine Vella.  
Public in attendance electronically: Paul Van Dam, Judy Ransome.

Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance was announced and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None declared.

**DISCUSSION:**

Council adopted a resolution, as noted below to declare a vacant seat on Council.

The CAO/Clerk stated that Joseph Vella, a candidate from the 2018 municipal election was contacted and expressed an interest in filling the vacant seat on Council. Mr. Vella has been certified as a qualified candidate for this position.

Mr. Vella was introduced and a statement from the council vacancy application was read. Mr. Vella was invited to introduce himself and he provided some of his background information.

Council adopted the By-Law to appoint Joseph Vella.

Mr. Vella read the Declaration of Office and Mayor Sterling welcomed him as a member of Council.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that, as per Section 262(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Ryerson hereby declares the seat of one (1) Councillor to be vacant.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Absent: Brandt. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 53-21, being a By-law to appoint a Councillor and further, That By-Law # 53-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Absent: Brandt (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 5:42 p.m.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. Absent: Brandt. (Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**November 2, 2021**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday November 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining electronic meeting via Zoom, phone and in person due to the COVID-19 Pandemic precautions.

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Mayor Sterling and Councillor Vella participated from the municipal office.

Council members attending electronically via Zoom: Penny Brandt, Delynne Patterson, Celia Finley.

Staff in attendance at the municipal office: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Nieves Guijarro, Paul Van Dam, Judy Ransome.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

The minutes from the special meeting October 18, 2021 and the special and regular meetings October 19, 2021 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Brandt.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:**

Council received a staff report regarding a request for proposal for cleaning and gardening services from Jill Langerud, Klink Enterprises. A resolution accepting the proposal was adopted. \_

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Council discussed the request for a volunteer from Council for the Burks Falls Santa Claus Parade Committee and Councillor Finley was appointed by resolution.

Council followed up from the Tri-Council meeting held October 25, 2021, with a discussion of the Fire Department draft 2022 budget and the resolution received from Armour Township regarding the purchase of a mini pumper. Council also discussed the proposal to pursue options for a new fire hall. A resolution in support of the purchase of a mini pumper truck was adopted.

**REPORTS:**

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Nancy Field provided a staff report on holiday office hours and a resolution was adopted as noted below. An update on the Emergency Management Exercise to be held November 18, 2021, was provided.

**CLERK:** Judy Kosowan provided Council with a staff report regarding staff and volunteer recognition. A resolution was adopted.

A by-law to amend the vaccination policy was adopted by Council. Further amendments to the policy will be provided at a future meeting.

## COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Information regarding the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference to be held January 23-25, 2022, was provided and Councillor Vella will be attending.

Information regarding the in-person Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference in Toronto February 27 – March 2, 2022, was provided and Mayor Sterling and Councillor Vella will be attending.

Information about the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing virtual Planning Workshop November 24, 25, 2021 was discussed and Councillors Finley, Brandt and Patterson will attend.

Burks Falls request for support of physiotherapy services: resolution of support adopted. Council discussed the ACED minutes and the Joly Township ACED resolution and would like to follow up on the term of the ACED agreement and future contributions from Ryerson. A resolution is noted below.

Information Items received:

OFSC Insurance Certificate

Library Board Minutes

Armour resolution re extension of Burks Falls municipal services

## BY-LAWS

By-law # 54-21 to enter into contract for provision of cleaning and gardening services.

By-law # 55-21 to amend Vaccination Policy By-law 47-21.

By-law # 56-21 to confirm the meetings of Council,

## RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting October 18, 2021, and the special and regular meetings October 19, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 54 -21, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for the provision of cleaning and gardening services and further; That By-Law # 54 -21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the purchase of a mini pumper for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department for a budgeted price of \$350,000. plus HST; And that The Township of Ryerson's share of this purchase to be funded through their 2022 budget; And further that Ryerson Township Council authorize going to tender for the purchase of a mini pumper.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the offer from Celia Finley to be a representative on the Burks Falls Santa Claus Parade Committee.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Vella, Sterling. No: Patterson.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt. be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council set the 2021 Ryerson Township Office Holiday Hours as follows: Closed: December 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2021 and January 3, 2022. Office to re-open regular hours Tuesday January 4, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct that recognition be provided as outlined in the amended Staff Recognition Report dated October 26, 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 55-21, being a By-law to amend Vaccination Policy By-law # 47-21 and further; That By-Law # 55-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Joe Vella to attend the virtual ROMA Conference 2022.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Joe Vella and George Sterling to attend the in-person Ontario Good Roads Association Conference in Toronto February 27 – March 2, 2022.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Celia Finley, Penny Brandt, Delynne Patterson to attend the virtual Northeast Planning Workshop November 24, 25 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council will support the start up cost to bring Physiotherapy to Almaguin Highlands with a onetime commitment of \$606.81

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council obtain a legal opinion on re-negotiation of an agreement with ACED to pay an amount reduced to 50% of the 10,000.00 levy.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Abstain: Vella. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 56-21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 56-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK